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Dear Sylvia,

About two years ago several of us, including you and I, had contacts made to us by Jules Striso. When it came time to do something, to produce, he always backed off.

Now I have reason to believe he is and has been part of what can be a major Department of Disinformation operation. Therefore, I would very much appreciate copies of the letters he wrote you, no matter how seemingly harmless they appear, and any notes you may have made. If you will do this, please do it as fast as you can.

I have just returned from a month-long and quite exhausting trip. It was very successful in many ways, including new information and new contacts, including in Dallas and New Orleans. Sometimes we will be together again - I had expected to go to NYC this weekend but now cannot for health reasons - and I will fill you in.

When I was in California I found Lifton had left word all over that he wanted to speak to me. Although my disposition was to avoid him, believing further disagreement would accomplish nothing, Paul persuaded me to speak to him. I am glad I did. What he has boils down to his faith in Thornley as an honest man, his words. I gave him enough with which to make an exhaustive check on this "honesty" for himself. He said he would be in touch with me. He has not been. He also said he would send me things he has not. He confirms that they do plan to sue me, which I would welcome, for that is the only way I can expect to be provided with counsel and I would welcome a court airing of this entire matter.

Here and there people showed me what Dave has been mailing out. He offered copies but has not sent them. What I have seen is drivvel, all of Thornley origin. I am astounded that people like Dave take his word without checking on in, with all the reasons that are public for having suspicions. Let me give you another and minor example. He says Barbara Reid is a witch and had a Voodoo alter setx up in her home. Aside from his close friendship with and trust in a woman he belatedly decides is a witch, why do not you people ask him about that alter. He certainly knows all about it, having helped her set it up for a TV show - its only purpose! Of course, he should now be able to produce pictures of it, in her home. But, I assure you, I am familiar with that home since April 1967 and I have never seen any alter.

How anyone who has ever met Garrison can believe the stupid stuff Dave told me I cannot understand. They actually believe that I am responsible for Garrison's interest in Thornley (which can be true only from his having read Oswald in New Orleans, but not from anything I xxxx told him), that I was responsible for KT being before the Grand Jury and his arrest (I knew of none of these things until I read about them in the papers), and that I wrote the press releasex (at a time I was not in N.O.)! In short, they are concluding what they want, not what they can prove, not what they have knowledge of, not with any resemblance to fact or reality. Whether you like him or not, Garrison is an excellent writer. He has no ghost. He writes all his press releases out himself in longhand. They are uniquely his own. However, if you know anything at all about press releases and how reporters and former reporters regard and write them, the most casual glance at them will show that neither I nor anyone

else with any journalistic experience has written any of them.

Dave told me you sent him copies of my previous letters. I am without complaint, if that is what you feel you should do. If you do it with this one, please mask anything that has nothing to do with him. Until I am satisfied I know exactly what is bugging him, what makes such a big liar out of him, aside from the Thornley things (and these relate to him, Liebeler and me), I'd prefer that he not be aware of my other interests.

You will eventually learn the fact I cannot now communicate to you. You will, then or sooner, come to realize that I take the time to mention these things you only in what I regard as your interest. I have nothing personal to gain from it.

But is it not past time for you to be asking solid proofs of them? Aside from a common dislike for Garrison, what have you to go on but the uncorroborated word of Dave, who is emotionally involved, and the even less substantiated word of Thornley? I have no interest in what they might tell you, unless you want me to comment. However, there should be something except hatred for you to hold onto, and they should be able to give it to you - or you should, it seems to me, begin to have ~~xxxxxxx~~ questions.

It was available to me but I didn't make copies when I was in California, when Dave was circulating an errata sheet of his and KT's writings in Open City. One of the things I invited Dave to check is the picture of himself KT provided the paper as his appearance as of the time of the assassination. Dave assures me this is the way KY then looked. Can you imagine a fancy restaurant employing a waiter looking like that? But do not take my question as an answer. Look at Thornley Exhibit 1 for yourself to see how he actually looked.See an honest man!

For almost a year I have wondered about the possibility of a major federal penetration of our side. I still do not have what I can regard as proof, but by now my suspicions are pretty strong. I feel, for example, that Turner has never published anything of his own that is significant save what is palpably false. I find that he is feeding others bad information, i.e. what he did not use under his own name in Ramparts but gave Mark for use in the LA. Free Press. If you have any such suspicions and would care to share them, I would appreciate it. I have other reasons to question the stuff that at best is being fed Turner and at worst is of his creation. When I recently questioned him about one of these things, he did not tell me the truth, which I had from his source before I spoke to him. I believe he fed some of the bum stuff to Vince a long time ago. Perhaps it would be more accurate, memory being what it is, to say he "authenticated" what went to Vince.

None of these comments require any answer from you, as they relate to Dave and KT. For the rest, I'd appreciate any help you can offer and your holding them to yourself until I can establish whatever the case may be.

Sorry I wont be seeing you this weekend. This last trip was a very tough one. I apparently had the flu and kept going with it, a deep chest infection still remaining, and I got an abcess on the gums that may cost me front teeth. I see the dentist Friday. Hope you are well.

Sincerely,